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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to an optical communication apparatus for detecting the intensity of light in an optical modulator or the intensity of a modulation signal and for controlling the operating point of the optical modulator based on the result of detection. In the optical communication apparatus having such a configuration, the operating point of the optical modulator can be kept stable even when the input light or the modulation signal is temporarily non-existent in the optical communication apparatus.